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Bureaucracy: To hold back the 'Rein of Arabian Horse of Development'

R EIN and bridle are two synonymous words, the meaning of which is the same or similar. Rein is a long narrow band of leather that is used to fence around a horse's head in order to control it. Bridle is also a set of leather bands put around a horse's head to control its movements or to curve the horse's movement in an expected direction. Here, the expected direction of the governmental activities is to reach or achieve the goal of national development. When we change the direction or the policy guide of the government, intentionally, which deviates us or slows-down our national mission and vision of development, is briefly entitled as a "Bureaucracy: To hold back the Rein of Arabian Horse of Development."

Bureaucrats are the engine of economic growth and development. They are expected to be educated, trained, experienced, smart and intelligent enough to operate the wheel of governmental activity. Nobody is perfect in his/her life. We can always make a mistake in our life. Mistakes made by bureaucrats can be intentional or unintentional. Intentional mistakes are defined as corruption. Bureaucratic corruption is defined as to hold back the rein of Arabian horse of development. In the history of recent past, we have been experienced with the Indian Civil Service (ICS) during the regime of British-India period, Pakistan Civil Service (PCS) during the regime of Pakistan and Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) in today's Bangladesh. Historically, we found ICS and the civil service men and women in Eastern and Western World including Europe and America as very much well-trained, educated, and smart and especially relatively more sincere, honest or relatively less corrupt. Many people can define this bureaucratic system of

relatively less corrupt as free of corruption or free rein of Arabian horse of development. According to our experience of the recent past, we cannot say that PCS or BCS bureaucrats in Pakistan and Bangladesh respectively are not free of corruption. Bureaucratic system in Bangladesh may sometimes be designated as anti-people. Or quite a few bureaucrats work against the interest of the nation or national

many things. We love to have ownership right, Private Property Right (PPR), in an effort to maximise our wealth and movable and immovable property and asset in our life and living. We love our own ownership more than that of others. I would like to maximise the benefit of my family and myself first, before I can think of well-being of others. Envy means a feeling of wanting something that someone else has. He

vindictive or their politics is in reality of vindictive nature. Politicians think something in mind but express different things before public as a technique to attract and to acquire their political support in the next election.

Bureaucrats or the officers of all levels from top to bottom in both private and public sectors or the public sector in particular are given various kinds of duties and social responsibilities with economic and non-economic action, project planning and the whole bunch of development program. All privileges including the source of work, duties and responsibilities can serve as a source of good work for the bureaucrats or also can serve as a big and available source of corruption too. As mentioned before, some administrative officials or the bureaucrats are good, some are bad or some are modest and a mix-of-all kinds.

They can also be cooperative or less-than-cooperative, or non-cooperative in their bureaucratic duties and responsibilities. If the bureaucrats are good, sincere, honest and cooperative in addition to their being efficient and smart, a country with educated human resources or manpower, and natural resource can economically develop like anything. Economic growth and development is expected to move as fast as the Arabian horse if its bureaucratic system is sincere, honest, efficient, positive and productive. In this bureaucratic system none can hold back the rein of Arabian horse of development. If the bureaucratic system walks with negative attitude, which can otherwise hold back the rein of Arabian horse of development, the country cannot develop at all. The associated people will suffer inhumanly.

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development. Sources of bureaucratic corruption are too many to briefly mention in this article. Necessity knows no law. Sometimes necessity is also the mother of invention. In addition to the individual's ambition and attitude in the bureaucratic world, necessity sometimes becomes a mother of corruption. In many developing countries, quite a few bureaucrats are satisfied with what they have on their own. They are ambitious and over-ambitious in order to satisfy their need and demand for both necessity and luxury goods and services. They are well aware of the human wish of "more is better than less."

We are selfish by born. We are self-interested in everything or

watches the other with envy. Briefly, envy or jealous makes a man undue concerned about the assets and property of others. For example, elderly men can be envy of young men's success. All it means that people are very much conscious about their relative position and relative income in society. People strive to satisfy or meet their necessity in life including food, shelter, wear, education and health. Simultaneously, people and the bureaucrats work for the name and fame and social, political and economic position in the society. We do not care much about what our actions can cause to others. In a developing country like Bangladesh, some politicians sometimes become